

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

LISTING OF CLAIMS:

1. (currently amended): A network service system for providing a user with first and second points related services, said services comprising activities which allow the user to earn points by using the service, comprising:

a first server for providing the first points related service directly to a user;

a first database connected to the first server for storing point information in association with user identifying information related to the user in the first server;

a second server, separate and independent of the first server with respect to points related services, for providing the second points related service directly to a user; and

a second database connected to the second server for storing point information in association with user identifying information related to the user in the second server; wherein

the first server includes point offering means for updating the point information stored in the first database in association with the user identifying information related to the user so as to offer points to the user,

the second server includes point consuming means for updating the point information stored in the second database in association with the user identifying information related to the user so as to consume the points of the user when the second points related service is provided to the user, and

the network service system further comprises point transferring means for updating the point information stored in the second database in association with the user identifying information related to the user in the second server based on the point information stored in the first database in association with the user identifying information related to the user in the first server, wherein said point transferring means directly transfers points stored in the first server to the second server.